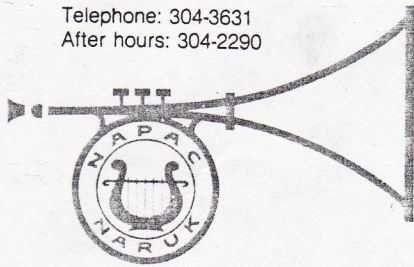


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GITARS FOR AFRICA

Guitars For Africa is a musical journey featuring the strings of 19 of South Africa's top guitar players. Plugged or un-plugged, they will rip you through a wide range of guitar styles from Spanish to jazz, blues to classical, folk to Afro and heavy, heavy rock.

Guitars For Africa, a Third Ear Music production and presented by NAPAC, is scheduled for two shows at 6:00 and 9 pm on October 9th in The Opera theatre at the Natal Playhouse as part of the Durban International Festival of Music. When it made its debut in Durban last year, Guitars For Africa was a sell-out and fans had to be turned away at the door. This year it has been brought back - bigger and better than ever - by overwhelming popular demand.

The line-up includes:-

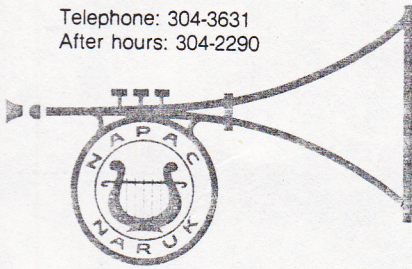
- Tessa Ziegler - (Classical)
- George Mathiba (Afro Classical)
- Edi Niederlander (Afro Electric/Folk)
- David Hewitt (Afro Classical)
- Tony Cox (High-Tech Acoustic)
- Steve Newman (Afro Acoustic)
- Johan Rautenbach (Afro Classical)
- Sandile Shange (Afro Jazz)
- Mike De Jager (Heavy Rock)
- Maqhude Khomo (Maskanda)
- Plagal Cadence (Folk Trio)
- Demi Fernandez (Flamenco)
- Sipho Mchunu (Electric Maskanda)
- Nux Swartz (New Age Rock)
- Ken E Henson (Acoustic/Electric Rock)
- Syd Kitchen (Folk)
- Steve Fataar (Soul)

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Once again as occurred last year, the Guitars for Africa concert will be preceded by an open-air Free Guitarathon in Central Park, alongside The Workshop, on Sunday 26th September from 12 noon to 4 pm. The object is to get thousands of people to gather with a guitar, and to play ONE MASSIVE TUNE simultaneously.

According to organiser Dave Marks, the theme of this year's event is Guitars for Peace. "The guitar is the ultimate instrument of peace and a symbol of change. By getting thousands of guitarists to play one big tune together, we will strike a universal chord for peace and freedom that will reverberate around the planet," says Dave.

Bring your family, a picnic — and a guitar. It promises to be a fun way of spending the day, and tuning yourself up for the Guitars for Africa gig on the 26th October.

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